

# Best Paper Award for Graduate Students

In order to encourage junior researchers to write and submit full papers, AP Conference 2023 offers the Best Paper Award to one of graduate school students who submit the full papers and give English presentations in the conference. Applying for the award, you can receive the conference's registration fee waiver as well\*.

\*The fee for APU students is ¥0 from the beginning.

## 1. Eligibility

An applicant must meet all conditions below to be eligible for submission.

- Being a full-time graduate student as of June 30, 2023
- Having completed an application to present in the AP Conference 2023 in English as the main author
- Having passed the screening of the AP Conference 2023 and received its notification in July
- If there are co-authors, they must be full-time students as of June 30, 2023.
- Be able to participate in the AP conference as a presenter
- Having never been granted the Best Paper Award in the past
- The submitted papers must not have been published elsewhere.

## 2. Rules your Full Conference Paper should follow

- Language: English
- Format & Size: Microsoft Word, A4
- Style: [APA style compliant](#)
- Abstract: 200 words with four to six keywords
- Length of paper: approximately **5,000** words, not including the references
- Footnotes: keep to a minimum and use a sequential order with superscript numbers at the bottom of the page. Only cited works should be completely included in the references section.
- Those who submit a full paper after the designated deadline will not be eligible for the registration fee waiver for any reason.
- Those who submit a full paper after paying the registration fee will not be eligible for the registration fee waiver.

### 3. Application

**Application completes when a full conference paper is submitted by August 31, 2023 to apconf@apu.ac.jp.**

### 4. Screening

- The conference committee selects the best paper(s).
- Awarded papers may be considered for publication in the Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies.

### 5. Schedules (Tentative)

June 30	Deadline for application submission (conference registration)
July	Abstract results announcement
August 31	Deadline for full paper submission
October	Best Paper Award results announcement
December	Best Paper Award will be given on the day of the AP Conference.